



# Washington Update

Alliance Meeting

December 8, 2020



# Congressional Activity

- Appropriations:
  - Current CR funding expires Friday (December 11)
  - Omnibus Bill being finalized
  - Short term extension expected (December 18)
- COVID Relief Bill
- WRDA
  - No buy American provision
  - Study Willamette Hydro deauthorization;
  - Study Water Supply/Conservation supply as Corps primary purpose
- Last Minute Energy Bills?
  - Saving Performance Contracts (ESPCs)
- New 117<sup>th</sup> Congress for 2021-2023
  - Begins January 4, 2021



# Presidential Transition

- DOE Transition Team Lead:
  - Arun Majumdar
- Potential DOE Secretary
  - Arun Majumdar
  - Ernest Moniz
  - Elizabeth Sherwood Randall
  - Jennifer Granhom
- Potential White House Climate Change Coordinator
  - John Podesta
  - Ali Zaidi
  - Jay Inslee
  - Jennifer Granhom
- Inauguration Jan. 20



# Executive Orders with Potential Impact to Federal Hydropower Program

- Modernizing America's Water Resource Management and Water Infrastructure – “Water Supply Sub-Cabinet”
- Buy American (2020)
  - 2017-2020
- Off-Shoring of American Jobs
- Bulk Power System



# Executive Order 13920: Securing the United States Bulk-Power System

- Pillar 1 prohibits any acquisition, importation, transfer, or installation of BPS electric equipment by any person or with respect to any property to which a foreign country or a national thereof has any interest, that poses an undue risk to the BPS, the security or resiliency of U.S. critical infrastructure or the U.S. economy, or U.S. national security or the security and safety of U.S. persons.
- Pillar 2 authorizes the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with heads of other agencies, to establish and publish criteria for recognizing particular equipment and vendors in the BPS electric equipment market as "pre-qualified" for future transactions and to apply these criteria to establish and publish a list of pre-qualified equipment and vendors.
- Pillar 3 directs the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with heads of other agencies, to identify existing BPS electric equipment in which a foreign country or national thereof has an interest and that poses an undue risk to the BPS, the security or resiliency of U.S. critical infrastructure or the U.S. economy, or U.S. national security or the security and safety of U.S. persons and develop recommendations to identify, isolate, monitor, or replace this equipment as appropriate.
- Pillar 4 establishes a Task Force on Federal Energy Infrastructure Procurement Policies Related to National Security, which will focus on the coordination of Federal Government procurement of energy infrastructure and the sharing of risk information and risk management practices and development of recommendations for implementation to the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council (FAR Council)

# Hydropower R&D MOU between DOE & USACE and DOE & Reclamation

- On National Hydropower Day 2020 (August 24, 2020) the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of Energy, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) at Hoover Dam to promote clean and renewable hydropower to the benefit of our customers.
- The three agencies committed to drafting an action plan within 90 days of the signing of the MOU and have accomplished this goal.
- The agencies will present the draft action plan to their customers and stakeholders in coming weeks. There will also be a customer comment period to gather feedback on the draft plan. Following the customer comment period, the three agencies will finalize the action plan and continue stakeholder outreach as the plan matures.

